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HALMO-DENYS TELCON JULY 11,1978

JOHN MUTCHLER, US CITIZEN OF 8428 46TH AVENUE SW SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98136 HAD BEEN ON THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN BELGIUM FOR THE PAST 10 MONTHS. HE WAS LIVING WITH THE OBIN FAMILY, 16 TORHOUTSTRAAT, 8151 KLERKEN, OOST VLAANDEREN TO LEARN FLEMISH CULTURE AND CUSTOMS. IN EARLY JULY OF THIS YEAR HE WENT ON A TRIP TO AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WITH TWO COMPANIONS, A BELGIAN ALFONS LIECKENS, VAN DE NESTLAAN 105, BROECHEM (TEL 856099) AND A STUDENT FROM ICELAND MATHIS JOHANSEN WHO WAS STAYING WITH DE VRIES FAMILY IN SCHILDE, ANTWERP. CONSULAR OFFICER ANTWERP ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW BOTH LIECKENS AND JOHANSEN TO LEARN MORE DETAILS OF DISAPPEARANCE OF MUTCHLER. WERE UNAVAILABLE TODAY. WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO TALK TO THEM TO-MORROW. REVEREND VONCK SPOKESMAN FOR POL PAUWELS AT THE YOUTH EXCHANGE OFFICE IN ANTWERP STATED THAT JOHANSEN AND LIECKENS HAD TAKEN A WALK ON MORNING OF JULY 5 IN BOVEC, YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT APPARENTLY MUTCHELER AT ONE POINT WENT HIKING ALONE IN MOUNTAIN AREA DURING

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BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS. SINCE MUTCHLER DID NOT RETURN AFTER SEVERAL HOURS THEY REPORTED HIS DISAPPEARANCE TO BOVEC POLICE. ACCORDING TO REV VONCK PARENTS OF MUTCHLER, MR. AND MRS. JOHN ALBERT MUTCHLER OF SAME SEATTLE ADDRESS WERE NOTIFIED BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF US YOUTH EXCHANGE, 74, TRINITY PLACE ROOM 610, NEW YORK, NY 10006 ON JULY 9. AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE TO CONTACT JOHANSEN AND LIECKENS WILL REPORT FURTHER

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